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SUMMER VISITORS

With the International Congregational Council meeting in Hartford, Conn., this year (July 2-10), many delegates from other countries are available as speakers to churches and summer conferences. Those coming to the Southeast Convention will be Mr. Ian Dunbar of England, Miss Mary Parnaby of Scotland - England, Mrs. R. J. Jones of Wales, and Prof. Junichi Nakamura of Japan.

An exchange student at Reed College in Portland, Oregon, Ian Dunbar will go to Oxford University to study for the Congregational ministry when he returns to England this fall. He has been a lay preacher, taught Sunday School and was chairman of the Student Christian Movement at the University College in Keele. In connection with his major field of study, social work, Ian has worked for several months with juvenile delinquents in England. He will be at the Alabama-NW Florida Summer Conference at Southern Union College July 27 - Aug. 2.

Miss Parnaby was born in Edinburg, has attended schools in Scotland and England, and has an M. A. with honors in English and a B. A. in Education. Miss Parnaby lectures in Religious Education and is Vice Principal of the City of Leeds Training College. She is responsible for a group of girls aged 12-16 in a Junior Church and does some lay preaching. She will be at the Georgia-South Carolina Summer Conference Aug. 17-23.

Mrs. R. J. Jones is from Cardiff, Wales and is a school teacher and secretary of the Welsh Congregational Women's Movement. Mrs. Jones will be a speaker at both the Alabama-NW Florida Women's Retreat (July 25-26) and the Georgia-South Carolina Wo-

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HORVATH TO BE SPEAKER AT SIX FALL MEETINGS

The Rev. Theodore S. Horvath, Associate Executive Secretary of the Missions Council, will speak at the six fall association and conference meetings Oct. 4-18.

The Missions Council is the promotional and educational unit of the Congregational Christian major agencies. Mr. Horvath directs the council's program of missionary education from his offices in Boston, Mass.

Born in Lorain, Ohio in 1919, Mr. Horvath was educated at Oberlin College and Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. He also studied at Union Theological Seminary. He was ordained in South Norwalk, Conn., in 1949 and served pastorates in New York from 1948 until called to his present post in March 1957.

At the SEC Board of Directors' meeting on June 17, dates were set up for the fall meetings as follows: Oct. 4-5, North Association at Hackleburg Fairview; Oct. 6-7, Central Association at East Tallassee Liberty; Oct. 8-9, South Alabama-NW Florida Association at Headland Blackwood; Oct. 11-12, Kentucky - Tennessee Conference (place to be named); Oct. 15-16, East Association at Roanoke Mt. Zion and

SEC Staff Change

Miss Grayce A. Lowe of Avondale, Ga., began her duties as office secretary at the Southeast Convention office in Atlanta on June 25. Miss Lowe attended the University of Georgia and has been associated with local business firms.

Mrs. Ed A. Albright, who resigned in April, left the Convention office July 3rd after working with Miss Lowe for a week. Mrs. Albright was advised that she needed more rest and less responsibility for an indefinite period.



REV. THEODORE S. HORVATH

Wedowee Noonday; Oct. 17-18, Georgia-S. C. Conference at Columbus United.

The Moderators are presently working on programs for these meetings.

Dates To Remember

July 19-20: Georgia-S. C. Women's Retreat at New Perry Hotel, Perry, Ga.

July 25 - 26: Alabama-NW Florida Women's Retreat at Southern Union

July 27-Aug. 2: Alabama Young People's Camp at Southern Union College

Aug. 3-6: Southern Work Camp at Southern Union College

Aug. 17-30: Southern Work Camp at Bricks, N. C.

Aug. 17-23: Georgia-S. C. Conference at Roosevelt Park

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD LEAVEN

by RAY GIBBONS

Part Two: Council for Christian Social Action

Toward the end of the century the oppressed people were the workers in our cities. They had no unions, no fair labor laws, no right to bargain collectively. When the workers protested sweat-shop labor, 16 hours a day, they were shot down in cold blood. Children of eight and ten years worked at the cotton looms until they fell asleep and were crushed by the unprotected machinery. And the lords of industry said that shorter hours, higher wages, safety devices and workman's compensation would put them out of business. They claimed there was no other way to run industry than upon the backs of little children and by the exploitation of cheap labor. But there were a few voices — Richard T. Ely, and Congregationalists like Washington Gladden and Lyman Abbott — who cried out against such practices with a new policy. "We hold that the conflict of labor and capital has brought into prominence a vast number of social problems, whose solution requires the united efforts, each in its own sphere, of the church, of the state, and of science."

Second only to the shocking conditions of labor was the stench of the cities. Within sight of the palatial residences on Park Avenue were the ghettos of the East Side where flourished poverty, misery, vice, and crime. But there was a voice, a Congregational reformer by the name of Charles Loring Brace, who cried out. He wrote the first exposé. Then another Congregationalist, Josiah Strong, wrote a best-seller. He claimed that charity was not enough, radical reform was needed. Said he, "The slums are the putrefying sores of the city. They may be mollified with the ointment of missions . . . and altogether closed at one point, but it will be only to break out at another until there is a constitutional treatment which shall purge the poison of the social system."

The leaven was powerfully at work. Though it was small it began to leaven the thinking, the practices and the policies of the people, their industries and their governments. In 1892 our National Council of Congregational

Churches established a Committee of Capital and Labor, chaired by Washington Gladden. By the turn of the century it became a permanent part of our program. By 1913 it had secretarial leadership and by 1927 became a Department of Social Relations. Then came the Depression and we realized there must be a more powerful leaven at work on the problems of economic life, racial relations, and international affairs. There had been a bloody World War for democracy which produced cynicism, communism, fascism, and nazism, and the threat of still costlier wars. Then our American economy took a disastrous tailspin. Along with the demand in our American churches for more active leaven came voices from our mission fields. When the Council for Social Action was established at the Oberlin General Council meeting in 1934 it was not only the voices of ministers and laymen in this country but the voice of Dr. Fred Goodsell, executive secretary of the American Board, which spoke for social action. When the delegates asked how they could afford a new agency when the mission boards were having to close their important work, Dr. Goodsell strode to the platform and said that if he had to withdraw five more missionaries from the foreign field to start a Council for Social Action he would do so. The leaven could no longer work in missions abroad unless it also worked in the churches and communities at home. He carried the day. On June 27, 1934, our churches established the first agency of its kind in the churches of America. They planted a leaven which spread until all the major communions in America now have agencies of social action and similar agencies are supported by the churches in England, Germany, and out to India and Japan. So the leaven which Christ planted in the lives of His disciples, which sent forth missions in America and unto the ends of the world, has sent forth missions into city slums, factories, farms, and villages to overcome oppression, injustice, war and hate in our atom-space age.

I want to report briefly on the edu-

cational work of the CCSA. The 1954 General Council gave this primary importance. Since then this aspect of our work has flourished as the green bay tree. Previously we considered an order for 15,000 or 20,000 pieces of literature very large. But since then we ordered 100,000 pieces of material on civil liberties and had to reprint to fill orders. We have re-designed SOCIAL ACTION, our monthly magazine edited by Fern Babcock, and subscribers are on the increase. Many of you will want to renew or subscribe at this conference. This you may do by signing the paper on the exhibit table. This year we had an issue on Alcohol which we ordered in larger quantity but exhausted before the month was up and have now re-ordered. Similarly the issue on Housing and Race has been in such constant demand both from our own denomination and others that we have made a second printing. Our Month-of-Emphasis brochure, "One in Faith and Action", we hoped would last us for this year and next. We ordered 120,000 copies. The supply was exhausted in less than three months and we've re-ordered 50,000 more. Even our subscription blanks and catalogue of materials called "Available", printed for a two-year supply, has been exhausted in a few months and reprinted. Where formerly we printed thousands we now print tens of thousands; where formerly we needed ten thousand we now need a hundred thousand.

Perhaps the most surprising fact of all is the way the study packets on Civil Liberties, Race, International, Social Welfare have sold. A few years ago we would prepare a maximum of 200 copies and not all would be sold over a two-year period. Now, in 10 months we have sold 1,375 at \$1.00 each. And mind you, each packet is for use of a discussion group leader for four or more sessions. We have hundreds and hundreds of groups in our churches studying and discussing social issues; 997 churches reporting names of chairmen of their social action com-

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Robert A. Knowles

To Southern Convention

The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, with headquarters at Elon College, N. C., announces the election of Rev. Robert A. Knowles, of Boston, Mass., as Minister of Christian Education and Youth Work, to begin Sept. 1st. Mr. Knowles is currently Secretary of Junior High Work for the Congregational Christian Churches, with headquarters in the Christian Education Division of the Board of Home Missions in Boston, Mass. Mr. Knowles succeeds Prof. John S. Graves, now on the faculty of Elon College.

Mr. Knowles is a World War II veteran, who served for three years in the U. S. Navy, including a period at Guam. He was born in New York City. He majored in Christian ethics and theology at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif., receiving his B. D. The same year he was ordained to the CC ministry and became associate minister of the First Congregational Church of Oakland, which position he held until he was called to his present national post.

Mr. Knowles is married to the former Miss Helen Cobb of Burlington, N. C., and they have a small son and daughter.

FREER AUTHORS PRAYER PAMPHLET

The Rev. Harold Wiley Freer, minister of Crossville First Church, is the author of a new pamphlet for the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. Entitled "Prayer Groups," it is a study of the value and nature of such groups, with specific outlines for conducting various kinds of groups. Though prepared to be used by the Spiritual Life chairmen of Woman's Societies of Christian Service among the Methodists, it will be used by other denominations.

Mr. Freer is co-author of *Two or Three Together*, the definitive book on prayer groups published by Harper and Brothers. He is a frequent leader of retreats and conferences on the life of prayer in churches and schools through the East and Middle West.

In July he will be guest minister at Cleveland Park Congregational Church, Washington, D. C.

Ecumenical Institute Planned For Southern Leaders

"Our Unity in the Scriptures" will be the theme of the Third Ecumenical Institute for Christian Leaders to be held at beautiful Blue Ridge Assembly, N. C., July 20-25. The institute is sponsored by the Southern Office of the National Council of Churches.

The purpose of the institute is to manifest oneness in Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Saviour; to strengthen understanding and promote cooperation among denominations; to find ways of doing things together as churches and church people; to provide inspiration, fellowship, and ecumenical education.

Dr. Harry V. Richardson, President of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, will deliver the main lectures at the morning Ecumenical Bible Study Assembly. Professor J. Howard Rhys, University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., will serve as "The Lecturer's Adversary." Mr. Clark Eichelberger will address the institute on July 21 on "Issues Before the United Nations".

The institute will have the following workshops to explore ways of working together in their respective areas: *Christian Education and Weekday Religious Education*, Rev. John B. Ketcham, leader; *Christian Life and Work and Christian Social Action*, Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, leader; *Christian*

Missions in Today's World and Mission Studies, Mrs. John T. McCall, leader; *Christian Responsibility in International Relations*, Rev. Kenneth L. Maxwell, leader; *Institutional Ministry*, Rev. Roger G. Imhoff, leader; *The Role of Pastors in Councils of Churches*, Rev. John S. Chambers, leader; *Town and Country Churches*, Rev. Richard O. Comfort, leader; *Use and Understanding of the Bible*, Rev. Charles M. Ross, leader General Section, and Dr. W. W. Sloan, leader Professors' Section, Rev. J. Edward Lantz, executive director of the Southern office of National Council of Churches, will serve as director of the institute.

A Bible Hymn Festival will launch the institute on Sunday evening, July 20th. Dr. Allen Guy of Montreat College will serve as director of music. Local church choirs in the vicinity of Blue Ridge Assembly will be invited to participate. Bishop John W. Branscomb will deliver the main address. Dr. W. A. Kale, President of the North Carolina Council of Churches, will preside. The institute will be interdenominational and interracial.

The cost for the entire institute is about \$31.25. For registration blank, write to Rev. J. Edward Lantz, 63 Auburn Ave., N. E., Atlanta 3, Ga.



A group of ministers present for the Ministers' Convocation held at Southern Union College May 6-8. Dr. Robert Spike, guest lecturer, on right end, front row.

SOUTHEAST CONVENTION: Alabama (Including Florida Nos. 68-72);
 Georgia (Including South Carolina No. 107); Kentucky-Tennessee

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Cities or Towns	Org.	Names	Ord. Cl'd.	Total	Ab.	C.	Total	D.	L.	Total	Conf.	Natl. Boards	Total	Cong. Cbr.	Non Cong. Chr.	Home Exp.	Value Church Property		
ALABAMA CONFERENCE																			
★ 1	Clanton, East View	1919	(Inactive)	120	4								0	0	0	0	—	1,000	
★ 2	East Tallasseee, Liberty	1890	D. H. Long	'54-'53	140	17	2	10	0	11	11	73	111	26	248	82	330	15	5,000 x *60,000
3	Eclectic, Union	1896	(Inactive)	37	13								35	—	0	0	0	250	2,000
★ 4	" Watson Chap.	1892	A. Nelson, Lic.	'54	55	12							20	—	0	0	0	359	3,000
★ 5	Mountain Creek, Union	1891	yF. Carmack, Lic.	'56	50	10	0	4	1	5	10		80	0	0	0	100	100 x 10,000	
6	Senan, Balm of Gilead	1898	(Part time supply)	25	12								20	—	34	11	45	0	361 x 3,000
★ 7	" Com.	1933	yF. Carmack, Lic.	'57	39	0	0	0	0	2	2		25	0	16	5	21	0	450 x 2,500
★ 8	Tallasseee, Mt. Olive	1890		100	33	12	14	3	1	21			56	20	3	2	5	0	3,420 x *14,000
★ 9	Thorsby, United	1905	N. A. Long	'19-'55	135	5							36	15	60	30	96	0	3,096 x *16,500
<i>East Alabama Assn.</i>																			
★ 10	Alexander City, Antioch	1852	A. C. Pemberton, Lic.	'57	14	4	0	0	0	5	5		30	0	0	0	0	232	2,200
★ 11	Hunt Mem.	1945	W. M. McCullars	'57-'57	95	38	5	8	0	2	68	47	14	0	0	0	100	25	2,480 x *28,000
★ 12	Ashland, Bethel	1892	E. M. Knight, Meth.	'57	62	25	0	7	1	1	2	39	—	0	0	0	0	1,038 x 9,500	
★ 13	Cragford, Mt. Carmel	1891		32	12								41	0	0	0	0	665	1,000
★ 14	Dadeville Elder	1895	yG. R. Walker	'43-'56	87	51							43	12	52	18	70	9	0
★ 15	Daviston, a	1890	J. Taylor, Chr.	'57	32								—	0	0	0	0	205	2,000
★ 16	Delta, Wesley's Chap.	1896	yD. M. Craft, Lay.	'53	63	35							18	—	0	0	0	560	3,000
★ 17	Five Points, State Line	1852	yG. R. Walker	'43-'56	62	19							35	—	0	0	0	0	0
★ 18	Goodwater, Oak Hill	1880	W. A. Martin, Chr.	'54	34	0							19	—	0	0	0	575	4,000
★ 19	LaFayette, Pleasant Grove	1886	y	80	2	0	1	3	1	4	4		58	16	82	28	110	35	299 x 25,000
★ 20	LaGrange, Hillside, Ga.	1921	R. L. Chatham	'52-'47	135	—	3	6	1	0	1		111	28	82	28	110	0	4,800 x 20,000
★ 21	Landet	1896	J. D. Schofield, t	'40-'57	400	76	0	1	1	4	28	144	172	30	952	317	1,269	362	142 x 212,000
★ 22	" Huguley	1944	A. C. Nelson	'30-'58	136	39	12	27	5	1	6		99	19	82	28	110	40	200 x 50,000
★ 23	Langdale	1930	C. W. Lewis	'50-'56	257	33	5	12	1	4	5	166	181	18	1,219	406	1,625	62	25 x 52,000
★ 24	Lineville, Dingler's Chap.	1911	yD. M. Craft, Lay.	'53	47	14							34	—	0	0	0	0	460 x 3,500
★ 25	" New Harmony	1888	yD. M. Craft, Lay.	'57	31	0							—	—	37	13	50	0	307 x 2,000
★ 26	" Shady Grove	1913	(Part time supply)	31	11								14	—	0	0	0	0	730 x 1,500
★ 27	" Spring Hill	1916	(Part time supply)	50	9								45	—	0	0	0	0	283 x 1,500
★ 28	Phenix City, b	1957		75	2	9	75	0	0	0	61	85	27	0	0	0	20	20 x 4,500	
★ 29	" 1st	1929	J. B. Crutcher	'54-'55	178	0	25	41	4	48	52	107	139	53	299	103	402	270	16 x 9,711 x *90,000
★ 30	Pisgah	1920	(Inactive)	20	5	0	0	0	0	5	—	15	0	9	3	12	0	0	200 x 5,000

a McGuire's Chap.

b Russell Woods

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North Alabama Assn.																					
★ 31	Roanoke, 1st	1923	yO. E. Sheppard	'39-'51	75	20		5	1	2	3	—	50	—	270	90	360	6	0	1,860 x 9,000	
★ 32	" Antioch	1869	y	85	16	0	5	1	2	3	—	35	0	150	09	219	5	0	2,018 x 15,000		
★ 33	" Bethany	1853	E. G. Clark, Lic.	'56	150	14						34	0	0	0	0	0	0	909 x 3,000		
★ 34	" Forest Home	1853	yE. S. Fetner	'58-'56	39	9	0	0	1	0	13	45	45	0	88	29	117	8	0	900 x 5,000	
★ 35	" Lowell	1900	C. W. Bell, t	'51-'56	200	52	11	54	2	2	4	—	136	19	148	70	218	208	0	5,549 x *40,000	
★ 36	" Mt. Zion	1893	yE. S. Fetner	'58-'55	1108	55						47	—	5	15	20	0	0	405 x 2,500		
★ 37	" New Hope	1819	yO. E. Sheppard	'39-'55	62	—	2	11	2	1	3	—	25	0	67	23	90	21	55 x 1,030 x 7,000		
★ 38	" Rock Spring	1884	yG. R. Walker	'43-'55	79	30		1	30	1	5	—	93	20	112	38	150	100	0	350 x 3,000	
★ 39	" Rock Stand	1908	yJ. W. Roberts	'57-'55	118	27	1	30	1	5	6	—	64	0	0	5	0	0	1,916 x 12,000		
★ 40	Shawnut, Todd	1950	W. P. Pike	'32-'57	77	24						414	153	567	135	0	1,920 x 35,000				
★ 41	Wadley	1911	A. R. Van Cleave	'32-'32	47	20	0	0	0	3	4	14	—	12	0	45	15	60	0	1,556 x 7,000	
★ 42	" Benjab	1890	yJ. W. Roberts	'57-'54	30	—	0	2	0	0	0	—	40	0	0	0	0	0	942 x 5,000		
★ 43	" Corinth	1893	yJ. W. Roberts	'57-'55	82	0						—	39	14	53	0	0	0	371 x 5,000		
★ 44	Wedowee, Caver's Grove	1924	G. E. Taylor, Lay.	'56	67	30	0	7	1	1	2	—	35	0	1	0	1	0	700 x 5,000		
★ 45	" Noon Day	1898	B. J. Traylor, Lic.	'56	103	56	4	10	0	2	20	50	42	0	64	21	85	0	2,111 x 10,000		
★ 46	West Point, Bethel, Ga.	1948	(Part time supply)	75	23							—	112	38	150	0	0	0	1,453 x 13,268		
★ 47	Arley, Robertson's Chap.	1900	yR. M. Waugh	'51-'55	25	0			2	1	11	13	125	70	—	22	8	30	0	0	125 x 2,500
★ 48	Birmingham, Pilgrim	1903	C. W. Baldwin, t	'41-'57	209	29	1	7	2	1	1	—	108	40	694	256	950	360	0	15,860 x *57,500	
★ 49	Garden City	1918		32	1	0	0	1	1	4	7	—	31	12	154	53	207	5	0	1,214 x *12,000	
★ 50	Hackleburg, Fairview	1891	yE. T. Shelton	'52-'55	23	0	1	1	0	0	0	—	50	25	21	7	28	0	600 x 3,000		
★ 51	Haleyville, Union Grove	1891	yR. L. Shelton	'46-'56	19	3						—	39	14	53	0	0	0	611 x *14,000		
★ 52	Houston, Liberty Hill	1879	yR. L. Shelton	'46-'56	10	0						—	10	27	9	36	0	0	177 x 2,000		
★ 53	Moulton, Bethlehem	1940	(Inactive)	18	0							—	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,500 x 2,500		
★ 54	" Jones Chap.	1896	yR. M. Waugh	'51-'57	10	0	0	0	1	0	10	—	21	0	0	0	0	0	168 x 2,500		
★ 55	Steede, Mt. Lebanon	1905	yH. Barnes, Lic.	'57	100	0	0	0	1	3	23	—	75	20	4	1	5	0	0	1,000 x 10,000	
★ 56	Stepenville, Mt. Grove	1891	D. W. Clark, Sup.	'52-'57	77	0	3	4	0	2	10	—	58	0	90	32	122	8	0	1,800 x 0,000	
★ 57	Town Creek, Liberty	1891	yR. M. Waugh	'51-'54	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	—	30	0	0	0	0	0	200 x 1,500		
★ 58	Trinity, Caddo Friendship	1903	yE. T. Shelton	'52-'54	48	15	0	6	1	1	2	—	75	1	44	15	59	0	0	400 x 2,500	
<i>South Alabama-Northwest Florida Assn.</i>																					
★ 59	Andalusia, Antioch	1873	W. A. Blankenhorn, Lic.	'57	101	30						97	9	285	98	383	0	0	3,950 x *32,000		
★ 60																					

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★ 69 Baker, Byron's Chap.	1897	yW. G. Lindsey, <i>Lic.</i>	'38-'57	43	—	1	3	1	0	1	—	75	0	0	0	0	0	867	x 10,000	
★ 70 Bonifay, New Effort	1888			30	5	0	0	0	0	18	—	47	33	195	65	260	0	0	1,255	x 7,000
★ 71 Crestview, Dorcas	1892	P. M. Griffith, <i>Sup.</i>	'12-'57	163	24							77	32	0	0	0	0	0	1,281	*x 11,000
★ 72 Florella, Cluster Springs	1956	yW. G. Lindsey, <i>Lic.</i>	'38-'56	16	0	5	16	0	0	0	—	1	0	0	0	0	0	460	x 5,000	
GEORGIA-SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE																				
★ 73 Ambrose	1912	yO. L. Culpepper, <i>Lic.</i>	'57	49	—	7	7	1	1	2	—	40	15	103	40	143	0	0	850	x *18,000
★ 74 Atlanta, Center	1886	J. M. McAdams, <i>Lic.</i>	'56	57	0	7	8	0	0	5	34	29	10	201	67	268	30	0	3,000	x 25,000
★ 75 " Central	1882	{ T. Anderson H. G. Long, <i>a.</i>	'17-'44	702	36	29	59	5	18	23	—	184	59	2,632	971	3,003	1,540	557	30,917	x *425,000
★ 76 Barnesville, Fredonia	1853	S. D. Nelson, Jr., <i>Lic.</i>	'56	99	7	12	19	2	1	4	—	41	10	118	40	158	10	5	2,201	x *25,000
★ 77 Baxley, Friendship	1887	y { T. E. Beach R. N. Overstreet	'58-'56	87	8	4	9	2	4	9	75	77	0	105	35	140	0	308	901	x 7,500
★ 78 Bowman, Liberty	1878	yT. Isbell	'36-'57	58	—	0	0	2	2	4	—	47	10	19	6	25	0	0	302	x 6,000
★ 79 Braselton, Macedonia	1888	H. C. Eddieleman	'14-'45	50	—	2	2	1	0	10	—	35	0	31	11	42	0	0	1,515	x *6,000
★ 80 Bristol, Antioch	1897	y { R. N. Overstreet T. E. Beach	'58-'56	41	21	1	1	1	3	6	—	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,304	x 6,000
★ 81 Buford, Duncan's Creek	1885	G. A. Beard, <i>Lic.</i>	'57	103	4	1	15	3	0	3	—	111	—	22	8	30	0	0	965	x 4,000
★ 82 Chiplcy, Oak Grove	1899			114	13	0	0	0	0	8	85	48	15	341	114	455	75	0	4,399	x *30,000
★ 83 Columbus, 1st	1903	{ P. Doherty { Mrs. M. E. Doherty, b	'38-'51	101	3	0	7	0	1	1	65	96	0	225	75	300	0	75	6,500	x *30,500
★ 84 " United	1909	W. S. Wood	'53-'52	164	—	8	40	2	0	2	50	103	12	37	31	68	0	0	4,300	x *40,000
★ 85 Crest, Hebron	1889	B. A. Mauley, <i>Lic.</i>	'57	50	—	5	7	0	2	5	65	39	15	75	25	100	0	0	2,030	x 10,000
★ 86 Demorest, Fed.	1892	A. P. Wilson, <i>Disc.</i>	'36-'57	59	11	1	3	0	0	0	75	66	25	360	607	967	0	0	2,087	x 30,000
★ 87 Doerun, New Light	1904	W. C. Carpenter, <i>Lay.</i>	'57	18	6						—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	329	x 2,000
★ 88 " Poplar Arbor	1910			42	28						—	43	—	15	5	20	0	0	820	x 6,500
★ 89 Douglas, 1st	1950	{ E. V. Hand { G. E. Turner, <i>Lic. Asst.</i>	'52-'58	71	15	1	2	0	0	0	—	70	0	22	8	30	0	0	2,000	*x 27,000
★ 90 Enigma, Chr.	1908	yO. L. Culpepper, <i>Lic.</i>	'56	62	14	5	16	0	0	0	—	77	30	0	0	0	0	175	1,700	x *13,000
★ 91 Ft. Valley, 1st	1945	F. H. Thaxton, <i>Lic.</i>	'57	53	0						—	35	—	0	0	0	0	0	1,305	x 9,000
★ 92 " Society Hill	1932	A. W. Dorsey, <i>Lic.</i>	'53	47	—	2	3	0	0	0	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	850	x 7,000	
★ 93 Gaillard, Pleasant Hill	1883			45	15	0	0	1	1	2	—	30	—	0	0	0	0	0	850	x 2,500
★ 94 Hampton, County Line	1888	R. J. Barnes	'57-'56	78	11	14	18	2	0	2	—	52	20	45	15	60	0	0	1,235	x 6,000
★ 95 LaGrange, United	1903	W. R. Berry	'55-'57	245	70	19	25	2	3	5	89	128	24	586	226	812	95	216	6,536	x *83,000
★ 96 Meadsville, Cong.	1854	yT. Isbell	'36-'54	33	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	8	32	0	0	549	x 8,000
★ 97 " Liberty	1892	(Inactive)	'12	10							—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,200	
★ 98 Oxford, Sardis	1888	W. H. Taylor, <i>Presb. Lic.</i>	'57	49	0	4	6	0	3	56	60	85	30	54	18	72	15	0	2,335	x 7,000
★ 99 Pearson, Union Hill	1892	H. Y. Sears, <i>Lic.</i>	'57	97	25	0	0	1	3	17	—	45	0	131	41	175	0	0	3,171	x *17,500
★ 100 Riehland, 1st	1901	S. M. Penn	'13-'53	40	2	3	5	0	0	0	—	40	0	45	15	60	6	0	1,240	x *19,000
★ 101 Providence, Chap.	1846	yR. H. Abbott	'52-'57	40	25	2	11	1	0	1	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	510	x 4,000
★ 102 The Rock, Bethany	1886	(Inactive)		23	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	12	0	7	3	10	0	0	359	x 2,200

a Meth. Lic., Asst.

b Ass't.

CHURCHES		MINISTERS		MEMBERS		Admitted		Removed		Average Attendance	Church School Membership	Young People's Organizations	OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION			OTHER GIFTS		Local Finances		
Cities or Towns	Org.	Names	Ord. Cld.	Total	Ab.	C.	Total	D.	L.	Total	Conf.	Nati. Boards	Total	Cong. Chr.	Non Cong. Chr.	Home Exp.	Value Church Property			
*103 Tifton, 1st	1952	yR. H. Abbott	'52-'57	1151	10					—	56	17	0	0	0	4,240	40,000			
*104 Vanceville	1953	E. B. Knight	'42-'55	178	0					—	—	—	0	0	0	900	7,500			
*105 Waycross, Williams Chap.	1891	W. W. Elder	'15-'52	168	69	2	5	0	0	0	65	82	0	90	30	120	4,023 x *32,000			
*106 Woodbury, Jones Chap.	1894			147	18	0	13	1	1	2	81	0	0	0	0	0	1,843 x 6,000			
*107 Charleston, Circular, S. C.	1881			201	21	10	30	2	21	50	125	24	774	283	1,057	201	22,888 x 150,000			
KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE CONFERENCE																				
Kentucky																				
*108 Corbin, Pilgrim	1886	C. H. Drake, Jr.	'45-'56	35	4	4	5	0	0	8	—	35	0	11	4	15	0	0	1,340	20,000
*109 Evarts, 1st	1892			87	17	0	0	0	0	0	—	45	18	71	24	95	0	0	5,752 x *100,000	
*110 Stearns, Conn.	1918	G. S. Hunt	'28-'44	38	0	0	0	0	0	4	—	36	0	75	135	210	0	0	2,350 x 25,000	
Tennessee																				
*111 Chattanooga, Pilgrim	1914	A. Slater	'32-'44	316	29	7	14	4	9	17	127	197	21	2,169	791	2,960	345	139	15,991 x *145,000	
*112 Crossville, 1st	1888	H. W. Freer,	'34-'57	84	0	10	11	2	1	3	—	57	6	367	148	515	20	52	5,240 x 18,000	
*113 Daisy, 1st	1929	yW. F. Crosby, Meth. Lic.	'56	70	7	2	6	0	0	—	—	93	19	190	84	274	52	100	4,200 x *35,000	
*114 Deer Lodge	1887	y		12	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	65	0	25	8	33	0	0	1,175 x 2,000	
*115 Glen Mary	1885	y		12	2	1	2	0	0	0	—	35	0	45	34	79	0	0	1,286 x 2,000	
*116 Knoxville, 1st	1956	A. R. Meserve, i	'33-'57	152	0	4	153	1	0	1	150	99	16	150	50	200	0	0	16,724 x 300,000	
*117 Nashville, Brookmeade	1953	C. C. Flannery, i	'36-'56	63	16	2	15	0	8	16	44	74	25	375	142	517	573	0	12,000 x *65,000	
*118 Pleasant Hill, Cum.	1885			95	15	6	18	1	2	3	74	55	25	575	205	780	0	100	5,490 x *25,000	
*119 Robbins, Barton Chap.	1885	(H. C. Henderson, Asso.	'57-'55	21	0	0	1	1	1	2	—	35	0	125	45	170	0	0	2,265 x *25,000	
*120 Soddy, 1st	1863	yW. F. Crosby, Meth. Lic.	'56	62	0	1	1	1	2	21	—	61	10	45	15	60	0	0	3,844 x *35,000	
Gifts — church undesignated:															356	933	1,289	0	0	
Totals:				9,460	1,638	282	933	70	219	616	80	6,232	997	17,440	7,700	25,140	4,965	3,000	328,688 x 2,964,868	

CHURCHES ADDED: (3) Phenix City, Ala., Russell Woods; Florella, Fla., Cluster Springs; Knoxville, Ist (Tenn.).

CHURCHES CHANGED: Phenix City, United, Ala. to Phenix City, 1st, Ala.

CHURCHES CHARGED: ~~120~~ Served by pastors: 94 (installed 6; other Cong. Chr. 54; other denom. 1; licensees 22; unclassified 11). Part time supplies 4. Inactive churches 6. Vacant churches 16. No. pastors ~~121~~

MINISTERS IN FULL STANDING: 105 (pastors 47; others 58)

NO. OF CHURCHES REPORTING; Av. Ch. Attendance 25; Ch. School 103; Y.P. Org. 47; Home Expenses 119; New Buildings and Improvements 48 (amount \$378,031); Payment on Principal of

Expenses 119; New Buildings and Improvements 48 (amount \$375,000); Payment on Account 10

Bldg. Debts 9 (amount \$8,192); Church Property 120; Debts 10 (amount \$341,250); Invested Funds 1 (amount \$240); Parsonage 36.

I (amount \$240); Parsonage 36.
NO. OF CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING TO APPORTIONMENT AND OTHER BENEVO-
LENCE, 90 (amount \$33,105): On apportionment 81 (State Conf. 83; National Boards 84). Other
Gifts 22.

Gifts 38.
SALARIES: No. of churches and yoked fields reporting 59 (amount \$158,990). Part time supplies 32 (amount \$49,489). **Pastoral Units:** 27. **Average Salary for regular service:** \$4,055.

YOKED CHURCHES: Nos. 5-7; 14-17-18; 16-24-25; 19-32; 31-37; 34-36; 39-42-43; 47-51-57; 50-58; 51-52; 60-63-64; 65-66-67; 68-69-72; 73-90; 77-80; 78-96; 101-104; 113-120; 114-115-119.

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Letter To Subscribers

Dear Readers:

Since this is the last issue of the magazine when I will be your managing editor, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you — for renewing your subscriptions so faithfully (many of you have been subscribers since the magazine began in October 1952), for sending in your church news, and for READING the magazine. To those who have promoted subscriptions and been regular contributors of church news, a SPECIAL "Thank you."

Editing THE SOUTHEAST NEWS has always been the most interesting and rewarding part of my work in the convention office. I know that I will miss it, and all of you too.

With Supt. Lightbourne as managing editor, I am sure the magazine will improve and I know that all of you will give him the same generous co-operation.

All of you have been so wonderful to me over the years I've been in the convention office that it is a real loss to give up the contacts with you. I do want you to know that I have gained much more from working for you and with you than you have from me — in the intangible values that are so much more worthwhile and lasting. I have grown as a person, and mainly this has been due to the people I have known and the things I have learned while

NEW COLOR FILMSTRIPS

Two new color filmstrips from the Church World Service with scripts and 33 1-3 speed records are available from the convention office.

Exiles in the Holy Land — Concerning Arab refugees.

Wait a Minute — how the overseas relief money given in church and classes feeds and clothes hungry and destitute children all over the world.

The Vocation of the Church

The Church is a community whose center is Jesus Christ and whose life is constantly renewed by the indwelling companionship of God expressed in the Holy Spirit. Its work is to increase the love of God and love among men in the world. The direction of its effort is not properly upon itself, but as a servant of God, to the world which God loves. Hence the vocation of the Church is to serve people in the world and to transform the world.

—Walter G. Muelder,

World Leaven . . .

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mittees. We've never had anything like it before in our Congregational Christian Churches. (to be concluded in the next issue.) Part two of an address given by Dr. Ray Gibbons, Director of the Council for Christian Social Action, at the annual meeting of the Southeast Convention.

here. So many wonderful and outstanding people have been on the board and committees; national people too have been here briefly in various capacities, and it has been a privilege to meet and get to know them.

The three Superintendents—Dr. David W. Shepherd, Rev. Erston M. Butterfield and Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr.—and the three Directors of Religious Education—Miss Marguerite Davison, Miss Loretta Petersen, and Miss Annie Campbell—all have been outstanding, each in his own way, and exceptionally fine people to know and to be associated with.

Thank you again—for your friendship, for the gifts, and for the glowing tribute in the convention minutes (which I wish I deserved). . . .

Cordially yours,
Montez G. Albright

About People And Churches

The Rev. and Mrs. Erston M. Butterfield announce the birth of a son, Erston Marshall Jr., on June 12—weight 7 pounds, 13 ounces. The Butterfields live at 88 Hartman St., Berea, Ohio.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul R. Reynolds have moved into their new home at Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

The Rev. Carolyn Welch has accepted a call to serve Evarts First Church, beginning early in July.

The Rev. James Walters of Disputanta, Va., accepted a call to serve Tallassee Mt. Olive Church, and moved to the field in June.

The Rev. Wm. R. Barnhart of Frederick, Md., began his ministry at Charleston Circular Church on June 1st.

The Rev. Warner Noles accepted a call to serve Crestview Dorcas Church, beginning July 1st. Mr. Noles was formerly a Presbyterian student.

Mrs. Jesse T. Edge, mother of two small children and who also helps her husband supervise 46 college men, was presented a plaque June 1st as "student of the year" at Southern Union College. She is a member of Wadley Beulah CC Church.

Pilgrim Fellowships have recently been reactivated at Baxley Friendship, Waycross, Williams Chapel and Douglas First Churches.

Plans are underway for the South Georgia Association to resume its leadership training courses in the fall, mainly in Christian Education.

Summer Visitors . . .

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men's Retreat (July 19-20).

Prof. Junichi Nakamura is in the U. S. for the third time in 20 years. A graduate of Hiroshima University, he is doing further graduate work this year at Duke University. Since 1939 he has taught English and American literature at Kobe College. In Japan he has led youth work in the church and Y. M. C. A. Prof. Nakamura attended the Kentucky-Tennessee Camp at Pomona, Tenn., June 8-14.

It is hoped that local churches will want to invite these visitors to speak while they are in this area and will entertain them in homes so they may get to know the south. (Those so desiring may write to Rev. Annie Campbell at the Convention office.)

Church News . . .

Birmingham Pilgrim Church held a Vacation Bible School June 9-20, using Birmingham University School. Mrs. Clarence Baldwin was the director, with Mrs. Charles Vaughn, Mrs. Richard Warren, Mrs. David Ellis, Mrs. Allen Price, Miss Patty Bussinger, Mrs. I. Summer Gerald, Mrs. David Meritt, Miss Sandra Cameron, Mrs. Edgar Turner, Mrs. Howard Shirley, Miss Nancy Elmore, Mrs. Charles Feazel, Mrs. Fred Cameron and Miss Ann Turner.

The P. F'ers wound up their year with a picnic at Indian Springs. The Family Night picnic was held on the building site of the new church on June 4, with Mrs. Ethel Vaughn and Jim Lacey in charge of the program.

Consider this: 9% of the world's population speak English, 94% of all Christian workers minister to this 9%; 96% of the Christian dollar goes to this 9%. 91% of the world's population has only 6% of all Christian workers and for this work gets 4% of every dollar given to the Lord's work. No wonder our Mission Boards and our missionaries have such a difficult time. The miracle of it all is that they get anything worthwhile done. Money is needed for our mission program. Prayers are needed for our mission program. People are needed.

The Hon. James W. Morgan, mayor of Birmingham, Ala., will take a letter from Birmingham Pilgrim Congregational Church to Carrs Lane Congregational Church in Birmingham, England. Mayor Morgan was invited to visit on his way to the World's Fair in Brussels. The present pulpit Bible of Birmingham Pilgrim Church was once used by Dr. R. W. Dale of the Carrs Lane Church and was presented to Pilgrim Church.

—from the church newsletter

Chattanooga Pilgrim Church held a Church Summer School June 17-27. Theme for the older groups was "Living as Christians Today." The staff was Mrs. J. M. Gager, Jr., director, with Mrs. J. F. Stinecipher, Mrs. F. A. Grammar, Mrs. Erich Swanson, Mrs. Jack Farmer and Miss Julia Slagle.

Mrs. Arnold Slater was guest speak-

er at the Civitan Club recently, speaking on "Morality in Government and Citizen Responsibility."

The Laymen's Fellowship sponsored an all-church picnic on June 26, with swimming, boating, fishing and loafing.

New officers for the Pilgrim Guild are Mrs. Don McGuire president; Mrs. Joseph Lewis, first vice-president and program chairman; Mrs. Ralph Garner, second vice-president and hospitality chairman; Mrs. John Davis, recording secretary; Mrs. Winifred Brown, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. K. E. Haygood, treasurer.

—from the church newsletter

Each Wednesday night in June, July and August, the lay people of Lanett Church will lead the prayer meeting, each choosing his own program.

The annual church picnic was held on June 15, with Vesper services at the pavilion in Roosevelt Inn in Pine Mountain Valley.

Rev. John Schofield, the minister, preached in revival services at Roanoke First Church the first week in June, and at Lanett Huguley Church the second week in June.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones writes that if he misses his daily devotion period, he also goes without a meal that day as a reminder that his soul needs resources just as much as his body. Do you want to try it? Or, if you miss Sunday morning worship service, why not pass up your Sunday noon meal: "Man does not live by bread alone."

"Take time to live; it is one secret of success. Take time to think; it is the source of power. Take time to play; it is the secret of youth. Take time to read; it is the foundation of knowledge. Take time for friendships; it is the source of happiness. Take time to laugh; it helps to lift life's load. Take time to dream; it hitches the soul to the stars. Take time for God; it is life's only lasting investment."

—from the church newsletter

LaGrange United Church held a very successful Vacation Bible School in June, with an average attendance of 56.

On July 26 the church begins a se-

Knoxville First Church Celebrates Anniversary

A hermetically sealed metal box filled with church memorials was placed in the cornerstone of Knoxville First Church on June 15. The occasion was the first anniversary of worship in the church, which the newly organized congregation bought from Second Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., superintendent of the Southeast Convention, preached the morning sermon.

When the congregation moved into its new church June 16, 1957, there were 53 members. Now there are 191. In August of 1957 the Rev. A. Ray Meserve was called as minister.

Extensive repairs have been made on the building and the kitchen and dining rooms remodeled and refurnished at a cost of about \$10,000. The pastor's study has been decorated and furnished and the entire building renovated and painted. Members have observed a weekly "work night" for much of the work.

Mr. Meserve said gifts of friends include a public address system, Communion service, offering plates, coffee service, china, silver and furniture.

The church has an all-age-groups Sunday School and discussion groups for young people and U-T students. Fellowship coffee hours follow morning worship services, and a noonday prayer service is held Wednesdays.

ries of Family Nights to study the work of our foreign missions board, using filmstrips on "Great Missionaries." Meetings will be held monthly.

The Pilgrim Fellowship held an ice-cream supper at the church on July 12.

Beginning with one circle in 1951, the Woman's Fellowship has grown to four circles with a total membership of more than 58. All circles meet jointly each quarter; separately they meet twice each month. New officers elected for the Women's Fellowship in June are: Mrs. Maynard Burnham, president; Mrs. Walter Williams, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Emmett Bailey, Spiritual Life chairman; Mrs. Wm. Thompson, Friendly Service; Mrs. A. L. Skelton, House Committee; Mrs. John Laubenthal, Membership.

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SUC TRUSTEES HONOR THREE WITH CITATIONS



Dr. Fred P. Ensminger receiving citation from Pressley Ingram, chairman of SUC Trustees.

A clergyman, an educator and a church lay-worker have been honored by the Board of Trustees of SUC for meritorious service to the college and to the south.

Mrs. May L. Flickinger, Arlington, Va., was given her citation during the annual faculty-trustee dinner in April. Mrs. Flickinger has been an active church worker in Kansas, Ohio and the Washington area. She retired this year from the Board of Trustees after a decade of distinguished service.

At the Commencement services, citations were presented to Dr. Fred P. Ensminger, president emeritus of SUC, and to Miss Helen C. Jenkins, long-

REGISTER TO NEBRASKA

The Rev. Fred P. Register, Secretary of Stewardship and Evangelism of the Southern Convention of CC Churches, resigned his post to become Superintendent of the Nebraska Congregational Conference. Mr. Register began his new duties on June 1st, with offices and residence in Lincoln, Nebraska.

A native of Lee County, N. C., Mr. Register is a graduate of Elon College and Duke Divinity School. Prior to coming to the Southern Convention work in December, 1954, Mr. Register was for 8 years minister of Wake Chapel Church, Fuquay Springs, N. C.

time principal of Thorsby Institute, a Congregational academy in central Alabama.

Dr. Ensminger was born in Iowa in 1876. He received his educational training at Rollins College and Andover-Newton Theological Seminary. His efforts with church institutions have been wide and varied. He has worked in Florida, Colorado, as well as all over the CC territory in the Southeast. His interest in SUC has been evident from the beginning of the college and he has served faithfully in many capacities. The life of the college was revived several times through Dr. Ensminger's devotion. Indeed, the accolade of "Mr. Southern Union" is the finest tribute which could be paid to him.

Miss Jenkins was born in Connecticut in 1885. After receiving her training at Mt. Holyoke College and Syracuse University, she joined the faculty at Thorsby Institute. She became associate principal in 1909 and took office as principal in 1917, serving thus until the Institute became a part of the public school system in 1957. Hundreds of young people throughout the South remember Miss Jenkins for her devoted leadership and Christian witness. She is presently living at Thorsby.

Citizenship Conference

The Churchmen's Brotherhood of the Evangelical & Reformed Church, the Laymen's Fellowship of the CC Churches, and the Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ cooperated June 20-21 in conducting a national conference on "The Churchman as a Citizen".

Held at Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., the meeting strove to develop a clearer understanding of the nature of the Christian's role as a citizen and the ways in which individuals and church groups may be effective in civic and political life.

Professor Roger L. Shinn of the Divinity School of Vanderbilt University gave the major addresses.

BARNESVILLE FREDONIA CHURCH BEGINS FULL-TIME PROGRAM

Beginning June 1st Barnesville Fredonia Congregational Church realized a long-cherished ambition, namely a full-time pastorate. Preaching services will be held each Sunday, with the Rev. Sam D. Nelson Jr. as pastor. Mr. Nelson has been serving the church on a half-time basis.

Reports from the 105-year-old church indicate that attendance has been good and the Rev. Nelson has given some timely and spiritual sermons.

The new church program includes Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship. A Vacation Bible School was held June 15-20. The annual Homecoming Service was June 15th.

Valley District PF Rally

The Pilgrim Fellowship groups comprising the Valley District held a rally June 21-22 at Riverside Camp near Langdale, Ala. Melvin Roquemore is district president, and dean of the camp was the district advisor, Rev. John Schofield.

Workshops were held on Bible, Christian Vocations and Christian Symbols, and leaders were Rev. John Crutcher, Mrs. Carroll Lewis, and Rev. John Schofield.

The program included a panel on teen-age problems, recreation, swimming, business and devotions.

GROUNDBREAKING FOR FIELD HOUSE

On July 12 the East Alabama-West Georgia Laymen held a ground-breaking service at Southern Union College for the field house, their project for this year. According to James Dollar, president, the group has \$1,148 on hand to begin the building and plans to use labor donated by the laymen in the construction.

All laymen of the Southeast Convention are invited to join in this very worthy project, with donations of money, materials or labor. The field house is needed for the college program of athletics, and will serve other purposes as well.